

Appointment of housing authority commissioners
(SB 484 by Johnson/Blair)

DIGEST: SB 484 would have transferred the power to appoint and remove city housing authority commissioners from mayors to city councils, except in cities with a population of more than 1.5 million (Houston). Designation of the first chair among commissioners also would have been decided by the city council, rather than the mayor.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON

FOR VETO: The governor said having the governing body rather than the mayor of a city appoint the board of the housing authority would politicize the board "to an unwarranted extent."

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson said the governor either "does not understand the bill or he does not believe in fair representation." She said the bill would have created "an avenue of more responsive representation" on housing authority boards.

NOTES: The House Research Organization analysis of SB 484 appeared in the May 21, 1987 Daily Floor Report